

Certification Policy 01-K_(u) : Reciprocity Repeat

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Updated portions are underlined

Background: It was pointed out that the reciprocity rule, 157.33 (m), calls for TDH to certify a candidate who is “. . . currently certified by the National Registry or in another state . . . “. The rule language appears to assume a candidate would apply for full certification within the year, and gives a regimen for applying for full 4-year certification. However, candidates who continue to meet the initial reciprocity requirements do not appear to be a threat to public safety.

It seems unlikely that a candidate would continue to pay the \$100 per year for “initial” reciprocity, but it does not appear to be against the rule. This policy includes some restrictions which will prevent “state hopping”, but will allow repeated reciprocity certification, as long as the original certificate remains current.

Statute Reference: Health and Safety Code, Section 773.050(d)

Rule Reference: EMS Certification §157.33 (k)(2) Prior to the expiration of the one-year certification, the certificant shall:

(A) submit a completed personnel certification application and a nonrefundable fee as in subsection (a)(4) of this section;

(B) pass the department's written examination or the National Registry examination within one year after the initial reciprocity certification has been granted.

(3) After verification by the department of the information submitted, a candidate who meets the requirements of this section shall be certified for four years beginning on the date of issuance of the certificate. ~~(m)(6) – A candidate who does not complete the requirements for certification before the expiration date of the one-year certificate or who fails a retest shall meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section including the successful completion of another initial course as applicable to achieve certification.~~

Policy:

(a) The Texas reciprocity certificant who allows the one year certificate to expire may repeat the reciprocity process. The certificant can apply for Texas reciprocity as long as they continue to hold the same entity's certification (same state or NREMT) with which they originally received reciprocity in Texas.

(b) The candidate who chooses to repeat the reciprocity process will follow the process as written in Certification §157.33 (k)~~(m)~~. No late fees will be assessed.

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